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Commission Hires New Safety Division Director

(Phoenix) After an extensive search, the Arizona Corporation Commission is pleased to announce it has selected a new Safety Division Director.

Chief Master Sergeant John Mazza, who recently retired from a 29-year career serving our country in the U.S. Air Force, will begin his work at the Commission on Monday, September 26, 2016. He most recently served as Command Chief for the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base. The wing is largest fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force and is home to 23 squadrons of F-16 and F-35A aircraft. Mazza was responsible for the training, management, and operations for more than 3,000 enlisted personnel.

In his service, Mazza was also deployed in support of operations Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom and served as Wing Command Chief for the 88th Air Base Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. His work includes various positions within civil engineering and mission support, and served on several Civil Engineering Squadrons in the U.S. and abroad. Several times honored, Mazza has received medals for his service including the Bronze Star, the highest of honors for heroic service. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Education from Wayland Baptist University, and a Master of Business Administration Degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Trident University International.

"I am very pleased to welcome Mr. Mazza to the Commission," said Chairman Doug Little. "His background and expertise will complement the nationally recognized quality work in our Safety Division. I am confident that he will continue to raise the already high bar of standards the Division continues to exceed in order to provide safe, reliable rail and pipeline services in Arizona."

As Safety Division Director, John Mazza will manage the Railroad Safety and Pipeline Safety Sections. These Commission programs are nationally recognized for their dedicated service to the safety of all Arizonans. Division personnel work closely with their federal counter parts at the Federal Railroad Authority (FRA) and the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA).

The Commission also extends its appreciation to former Commissioner Jeffrey Hatch Miller who has been serving as Interim Safety Division Director during this search.